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Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 2800  
PATENT

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Etsuyoshi KOBORI	)	<b>BOX AF</b>
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Application No. 09/610,148	)	Group Art Unit: 2814
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Filed: July 5, 2000	)	Examiner: A. Mai
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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING	)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 22, 2002, the period for response extending through May 22, 2002, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 15-18 with the following: